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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)

1. SECOND SESSION OF IOC WORKING COMMITTEE FOR TRAINING,
EDUCATION, AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (TEMA-II) WILL BE HELD AT
UN JULY 18-23. DOCUMENTATION FOR MEETING (IOC/TEMA-II/12)
REVEALS THAT IOC SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN INVITED (APPARENTLY
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BY ACC SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANOGRAPHY) TO PREPARE RECOMMENDA-
TIONS FOR LIMITS OF REGIONAL AREAS SUITABLE FOR MARINE
AFFAIRS FOR USE THROUGHOUT THE UN SYSTEM. THIS WAS NEWS
TO U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN IOC. THE PROPOSALS WOULD BE BASED
ON THE PRESENT LIMITS USED BY IOC (IOCARIBE, CSK, CINECA,
CIM, SOC), FAO FISHERIES (IPFC, GFCM, CARPAS, CECAF, IOFC,
WECAFC), AND UNEP REGIONAL AREAS.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING SEVERAL WAYS SUCH A DIVISION MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED, DOCUMENT GOES ON TO SUGGEST 12 SUBREGIONS BASED ON UNESCO FORMULA AND WITH SOME RELATION TO THE GROUPING FOR SEVERAL IOC REGIONAL TEMA MEETINGS. THIS PROPOSAL IS QTE FOR TEMA PURPOSES UNQTE ACCORDING TO IOC/TEMA-II/12, WHICH THEN GOES ON TO LIST EXAMPLES OF FACILITIES OR SERVICES THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT THE SUBREGIONAL LEVEL. IN ANOTHER DOCUMENT THE IOC SECRETARIAT HAS PROPOSED A DRAFT RESOLUTION (DR-4) WHICH WOULD ADOPT

THE PROPOSED GROUPINGS QTE FOR TEMA PURPOSES UNQTE AND SETS FORTH A NUMBER OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, NOT ALL OF WHICH ARE STRICTLY TEMA. THE GROUPINGS APPEAR TO BE BASED PRIMARILY ON POLITICAL OR LAND GEOGRAPHICAL FACTORS.

3. DEPT. IS CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSAL, AND DESIRES FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH PERMDEL UNESCO IS REQUESTED TO SEEK:

A. NATURE AND ORIGIN OF REQUEST TO IOC SECRETARIAT.

B. WHETHER ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED FELT NEED FOR STANDARDIZATION OF MARINE REGIONAL AREAS, AND WHY. SOME IOC REGIONAL PROGRAMS CITED IN DOCUMENT ARE NOT PRECISELY DEFINED.

C. WHAT AGENCIES FEEL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY STANDARDIZATION.

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D. WHEN IOC SECRETARIAT IS SUPPOSED TO RESPOND TO INVITATION, AND NATURE OF RESPONSE IF IT WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN TEMA PROPOSALS.

E. IMPLICATIONS FOR ADOPTION OF REGIONAL GROUPINGS FOR TEMA PURPOSES BEFORE MATTER HAS BEEN MORE BROADLY CONSIDERED BY IOC EXECUTIVE ORGANS AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES.

F. WITH REGARD TO TEMA PROPOSAL ITSELF, SOME OF THE EXAMPLES CITED APPEAR TO RELATE TO PROXIMATE AREAS, OTHERS TO PROXIMATE SEA AREAS, WHILE SOME COULD RELATE TO EITHER. HOW DO THESE FLOW FROM THE PROPOSED SUBREGIONS, MANY OF WHICH DO NOT RELATE TO PROXIMATE SEA AREAS?

G. POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ESTABLISHING IOC REGIONAL GROUPINGS, RECALLING GROUP OF 77 DEMANDS WITH REGARD TO FORTHCOMING IOC ELECTIONS.

4. ANY LIGHT INFO POSTS CAN SHED ON MATTER WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

5. USG MAY WISH DISCUSS MATTER WITH CERTAIN OTHER IOC MEMBERS PRIOR TO TEMA-II. ACCORDINGLY, A PROMPT RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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